

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently amended) A measurement method for measuring a test substance ~~included~~ in a sample ~~by using a biosensor in a sealed package, packed in a package,~~ said biosensor ~~including~~ comprising a substrate ~~[[;]]~~ having a sample receiving section, ~~provided on said substrate and containing~~ a reagent section including a reagent ~~to be reacted with said test substance;~~ and a colorimetric moisture absorbing indicating material ~~changed in color through absorption of moisture,~~ the method of using the biosensor comprising the steps of:

removing said biosensor from said package;

determining a degree of degradation of said reagent on the basis of a degree of color change of said colorimetric moisture absorbing indicating material; and

measuring said test substance ~~under measurement~~ when the degree of degradation of said reagent is determined to be acceptable ~~small~~ in the determining step and stopping to measure said test substance ~~under measurement~~ when the degree of degradation of said reagent is determined to be unacceptable ~~large~~.

13. (Currently amended) The measurement method biosensor of Claim 12, wherein the biosensor further comprising comprises a cover for covering said colorimetric moisture absorbing indicating material,

wherein a part of said colorimetric moisture absorbing indicating material is exposed.

14. (Currently amended) The measurement method biosensor of Claim 13, wherein the degree of degradation of said reagent is based on ~~shown on the basis of~~ a degree of color change

of a portion of said colorimetric moisture absorbing indicating material that is present at a given distance from the exposed part and is covered with said cover.

15. (Currently amended) The measurement method biosensor of Claim 12, wherein said reagent includes an enzyme.

16. (Currently amended) The measurement method biosensor of Claim 15, wherein said reagent section further includes an electron mediator.

17. (Currently amended) The measurement method biosensor of Claim 16, wherein said biosensor further comprises ~~comprising~~:

a pair of terminals provided on said substrate; and

a pair of electrodes provided in said sample receiving section to be spaced from each other and respectively connected to said pair of terminals.

18. (Currently amended) The measurement method biosensor of Claim 12, wherein said reagent includes at least one of an antibody and an antigen.

19. (Currently amended) The measurement method biosensor of Claim 12, wherein said colorimetric moisture absorbing indicating material is in the shape of a sheet.

20. (Currently amended) The measurement method biosensor of Claim 12, wherein said biosensor further-comprising comprises a covering member made of a light blocking material and formed over said substrate for covering said sample receiving section.

21. (Currently amended) The measurement method biosensor of Claim 19, wherein said colorimetric moisture absorbing indicating material in the shape of a sheet is provided on a face of said substrate opposite to a face thereof on which said sample receiving section is provided, and

a sheet for covering said colorimetric moisture absorbing indicating material is provided on said moisture absorbing material.